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Wesleyan Gets First Million

It was not her first gift to Wesleyan, nor her last.

Over many years Anne Winship Bates Leach, and her husband, Willa-ford, of Palm Beach, Fla., have been most generous, establishing two scholarships (one in memory of her mother, the late Elizabeth Winship Bates), by beautifying the campus with funds for landscaping, by shipping dogwood trees to line the campus roadway named for her.

She is sending her granddaughter, Patricia Anne Henry, to Wesleyan as a student, and hopes others will follow. Most recently in appreciation of being made an honorary alumna, fifth in history, she presented a check for an elevator in the Alumnae Center now being readied in the Candler Building.

Mrs. Leach became interested in Wesleyan through her paternal aunt, Mrs. Charles J. Haden (Ann Bates, honor graduate of 1887), who was an alumnae Trustee, and was national president of the alumnae in the Centennial Year of the College, 1936. Mrs. Haden was a close friend of Miss Jennie Loyall, (now Mrs. Fred Manget), first Alumnae Secretary.

Alumnae and other friends of the College have showered Mrs. Leach with notes of gratitude. Because of her physical condition she has asked to express her appreciation of the messages in these columns.

Wesleyan is blessed by friends such as Mrs. Leach and her husband, says President Strickland, (shown with her here) and happy that her family invested in the famous soft drink which, like her, was born in Atlanta.

Challenge Gift Spurs Phase II of Campaign

When the current Wesleyan Fund Campaign reaches its announced goal of \$3.5 million an additional gift of \$625,000 can be announced, according to Randolph W. Thrower, Board chairman and national chairman of the campaign.

Mr. Thrower negotiated this challenge gift, whose donor's name is not revealed. Workers and other donors are rising to the challenge with enthusiasm as the campaign sweeps from Macon to Atlanta and on to other regions.

A million dollars, largest single grant in Wesleyan's 137 years, given by Anne Winship Bates Leach and her husband, Willa-ford Ransom Leach, of Palm Beach, helped determine the Campaign Phase II goal of \$3,500,000. It will be used to establish a trust fund.

"This magnificent vote of confidence in Wesleyan's future gave us the impetus to get started", said President Strickland. "Now it is serving as an inspiration to gain our goal — and our challenge gift — as quickly as possible."

By March 22 already \$2,205,000 had been pledged. Some of the major gifts are being secured by Frank C. Jones and his Leadership Committee. Newton Anderson, Macon, and Preston Collins, Atlanta, head up Special Gifts (from \$5,000 to \$25,000).

Officially launched at a Macon area dinner on March 1, the campaign is gaining momentum. Leo B. Huckabee, Jr., chairman, and some

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500 people of the Macon area, had listed \$377,000 by March 22.

On April 23 the Atlanta area opened its solicitation program, with Rufus K. Green serving as chairman.

Alumnae and many of their husbands are spark-plugs in the machine of organization: Alumnae President Nina Sheppard Terrell, Dan and Laura Nell Anderson O'Callaghan, Sr., Derry Burns, Richard Domingos, Elliott Dunwody III, Albert Reichert, Sr., from Macon; Jane Mulkey Green, Elaine Wood Whitehurst, Lloyd P. Jones, Rodney Cook, Mack Efland, and others, Atlanta.

"Every gift, large and small, is an expression of faith in the Wesleyan of tomorrow", said Dr. Strickland. "With the generosity and hard work of our devoted friends and family we are assured of success."

Students Campaigning

A student fund-raising campaign was opened April 4 at supper in the Anderson Dining Room. Initiated by the Future of Wesleyan Committee of seven, a junior, Hazel Burns, Macon, is chairman. Two additional representatives of each class will help direct the effort. Proceeds will go to drainage for the court of the ADPi fountain, and work on the tennis courts. Speaking at the dinner were Mrs. William A. Fickling, Jr., introduced by Mrs. McKibben Lane, both of Macon, and President Strickland. Washboard Band entertained.

Gives Cherry Trees

A dozen Japanese cherry trees, the same variety that bloom in Washington, D. C. each spring, have been planted near the tennis courts, gift of W. A. Fickling, Trustee Emeritus. The Fickling garden, a hillside glory of blossoming trees and shrubs, is one of the show places of Macon.



To Speak Alumnae Day

Harlee Branch, Jr., dynamic Atlanta industrialist and educator, will be the speaker on annual Alumnae Day, May 5, at 11 A.M., in Porter Auditorium.

Soprano Casey Thurman, '59, a special student coaching with John Wustman, at the University of Illinois, will be soloist.

Candlelight induction of seniors, alumnae awards, and election of officers will be included in the program, to be followed by luncheon at which two sisters-in-law, Mrs. James Burton (Jacquelyn Turner), Washington, Ga. and Mrs. E. A. Burton (Patricia Bonner), Martinez, Ga., both class of '62, will sing.

The President's party and a banquet with The Wesleyannes performing, usher in the weekend on Friday night, with reunion parties as the climax. Husbands and non-reunioners are invited.

Reunion classes are: Golden, 1923; Silver, 1948; Legacy, 1938; also 1898, 1903, 1905, 1906, 1908, 1913, 1918, 1925, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962.

Alumnae Awards will be presented for Distinguished Achievement: Luleen Sandifur Anderson, '58; Ida Long Rogers, '41; Elizabeth Hean Stone, '48; Mary Abbott Waite, '68; for Distinguished Service to Wesleyan: Frances Stevens Dessau, '08; Alleen Poer Hinton, '12; Martha Riley Holliday, '13; Annette White King, '31.

Friends and family are invited to attend.

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Author of the Year

Rebecca Caudill (Mrs. James Ayars), of Urbana, Ill., was named "Author of the Year" at the fall conference of the Illinois Association of Teachers of English. "Becky" is a beloved Wesleyan graduate of 1920, has served as Alumnae Trustee and received an Alumnae Award for Distinguished Achievement. Her many books have delighted high school and elementary readers; "My Appalachia" is of interest to adults. One book, "Contrary Jenkins", she wrote with her husband, technical editor for the Illinois Natural History Survey. She has had many honors, including her name on the public library of Cumberland, Ky., her home town. She has been active in interracial and international matters, especially among groups searching for a peaceful solution to world problems.

Trustee Honored

Wesleyan Trustee W. D. Brooks was one of five Georgians to receive awards for their contribution to higher education March 26 in Atlanta. The awards were made at the annual banquet of the Association of Private Colleges and Universities in Georgia. An industrialist and agri-businessman, Mr. Brooks is the only living alumnus ever inducted into the UGA Hall of Fame.

Plan Workshops

A series of Admissions Workshops is being planned whereby alumnae clubs and other key people in different areas may be aided in counselling friends and students about the educational opportunities of Wesleyan. Millard Beckum, Director of Admissions, and his associate, Jim Nesbitt, are currently setting the itinerary. Write the Admissions Office for information and dates.

Glee Clubs Sing

"Second Sunday at Wesleyan", on April 8, featured the University of Georgia Men's Glee Club, directed by Pierce Arant, and the Wesleyan Glee Club, directed by Dr. Leon Jacques Villard. They presented a program of hymns, spirituals, and other pieces.



(L. to R.: Mr. Pendley, Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Shutze)

Confer on Alumnae Center Progress

Philip Shutze, noted architect who designed the Candler Building, former library now being converted into an alumnae center, was on campus March 29. He and Norman P. Pendley, of W. E. Browne Decorating Co., Atlanta, had been invited by Mrs. Julian Hightower (Grace Larramore, '20), Thomaston, Ga., to meet with Ward Dennis, Macon architect in charge of current operations, and the Alumnae Building Committee.

Mrs. Hightower is helping coordinate plans to make the Alumnae Center a thing of beauty and significance. The large former reading room is to become a museum. Alumnae offices will occupy other portions of the building.

"I have always loved this little building", said Mr. Shutze. "It has character, but it needs revitalizing. Buildings get tired, like people." After his tour of the campus, and a view of the furnishings and ornaments of the Porter building he said, "Wesleyan is a treasure."

Meeting with Mrs. Hightower and her guests were the Alumnae building committee: Mrs. Ernest Corn, Mrs. McKibben Lane, and Mrs. Wilbur Tucker, also Alumnae President Nina Terrell, Alumnae Director Frances Van Horn, Editor Freda Nadler, Mr. Dennis, and Cameron Peden, College business manager, who is supervising the renovation project.

Banks Is Speaker

William Banks, playwright and author on historical subjects, was the speaker April 15 at a dinner during the Fifth Annual Conference on Historic Preservation in Georgia. He spoke on Daniel Pratt, Federal architect, and the house he designed, now occupied by Mrs. William Banks, Sr., (Evelyn Wright, '14), Trustee Emeritus of Wesleyan. This house was moved a hundred miles to Newnan, Ga., where it was reestablished and beautifully furnished. At one time it was owned by Mrs. Walter D. Lamar (Dorothy Blount, 1883).

Pianist in Concert

Anthony di Bonaventura, pianist, appeared at Wesleyan April 5, final program of the season for Macon Community Concert Association. Mrs. Charles E. Nadler is president of the group; Norman McLean is artists chairman.

Gives China Report

Don Carter, Executive Editor of the *Macon Telegraph and News*, spoke on campus April 19 on his recent trip to the People's Republic of China with 22 American newspaper editors.

News of Wesleyan

A new shipment of Wesleyan Wedgwood china has arrived, at long last, in mulberry only, and consisting of two scenes, the Original Building and the Candler Alumnae Center. Price is \$6.00 for dinner plate, also cup-and-saucer, plus tax and handling. Order from Alumnae Office.

Robert Manson Myers, professor of English at University of Maryland, appeared on the 16th Eugenia Dorothy Blount Lamar lectures series April 2 and 3 in Porter auditorium. He presented his play for one player, "The Night Season" a true story of Georgia during the Civil War, based on his distinguished novel, "Children of Pride;" and a lecture, "From Beowulf to Virginia Woolf", a burlesque of English literature.

Phi Kappa Phi honor society initiated new members April 2, with a banquet following. Seven seniors are now members. In Liberal Arts: Licia Drinnon, Margaret Mathews, Anne Thornton, Miriam McElhaney, and Janice Mays; Fine Arts: Earline Gammel and Mitsuko Anders. Four juniors inducted—Liberal Arts: Kim Hitchcock, Antonia Ambrosino and Judy Tillman; Fine Arts: Deborah Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Winston Strickland, Neptune Beach, Fla., were elected president of Parents of Wesleyan at the recent Parents Weekend. Their daughter, Wanda, a junior majoring in elementary education, will serve next year as vice president of the Student Government Association.

A pencil and chalk drawing by Miss Marcia Isaacson, Art faculty, winner of a Davidson College Purchase Award, was displayed at the North Carolina college beginning March 25. Subject was an old man as portrayed in a circa 1900 photograph.

Two ceramic forms, a compote and vase decorated with cupids, created by Joel W. Plum, of the Art faculty, are being displayed by the High Museum of Art, Atlanta.

In a recent display of sculpture made from scrap metal Karen Snider, Quincy, Fla., won the top award given by Alvin Koplin, president of Macon Iron and Paper Stock Co. Second and third places went to Beverly Jamison, Macon, and Mary Beth Milby, Perry, Ga. Each received \$150. Students of Anthony H. Rice competed.

Washboard Band spent spring holidays in Chicago, where they played for the Great Lakes Naval Hospital and for two veterans hospitals. Expenses for the trip were provided by civic clubs for whom the band had played. Trustee Leo (Jack) Huckabee, president of Huckabee Auto Co., Macon, furnished a station wagon for the junket. He has also loaned two Opel sedans for student use.

Susan Powers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Jones, Statesboro, Ga., was elected president of Student Government Association for next year and thereby becomes Student Trustee of Wesleyan.

Thirty-four from Wesleyan attended New York Seminar during spring vacation, a trip sponsored by Parents of Wesleyan and Council on Religious Concerns. Co-chairmen were Janis Price and Darcia Jones; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schafer were chaperones. Agenda included the UN Stock Exchange, Lincoln Center, Rockefeller Center, museums, art galleries, churches, theatre, etc.

Students from throughout the country attended the national convention of Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary journalism fraternity, at Wesleyan April 12-14. The 150 students, housed on campus, attended 12 workshops.



Decks Lights for Campaign Kick-off

Laura Nell Anderson O'Callaghan, '33, 4th generation of Wesleyan graduates, is chairman of arrangements for Macon dinner.

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